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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER

1. AT MARCH 14 AM MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GREECE, TUNISIA AND BELGIUM SPOKE ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID THE EXISTING MACHINERY SHOULD BE EXAMINED TO DETERMINE WHY IT IS NOT USED.
2. GREECE SUPPORTED FRENCH PROPOSALS, CALLED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESOLUTIONS AND STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE ICJ; SUPPORTED THOSE ELEMENTS IN MEXICAN PROPOSAL THAT WOULD OBLIGE STATES TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL MEANS, ELABORATE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT METHODS IN ARTICLE 33 AND DEALT WITH STRENGTHENING ROLE OF ICJ.
3. TUNISIA PROPOSED STRENGTHENING ROLE AND POWERS OF GA BY MAKING OPTIMUM USE OF ARTICLE 10 (E.G., UNITING FOR PEACE), BY HAVING GA APPOINT SYG AFTER RECEIVING LIST OF SEVERAL NAMES FROM THE SC, BY HAVING THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS AGREE NOT TO USE VETO ON ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND BY HAVING ONLY THE GA CONSIDER ADMISSION.

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TUNISIA PROPOSED SC EXPANSION (UNSPECIFIED), CREATION OF A SUBSIDIARY SC ORGAN ENTITLED COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS. TUNISIA ALSO CALLED FOR USE OF REGIONAL MACHINERY IN THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES; SUPPORTED TURKISH PROPOSALS AND FRENCH AND UK PROPOSALS FOR A MANUAL.

4. BELGIUM AGREED WITH MANY OF THE ELEMENTS IN MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT DECLARATION, EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS TO CALVO CLAUSE, QUESTIONED NEED FOR A SOLEMN DECLARATION. BELGIUM EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS TO ROMANIAN PROPOSAL; SUPPORTED FRENCH PROPOSAL, ESPECIALLY POINTS ON INCLUSION OF SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS IN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONVENTIONS AND IN SPECIALIZED AGREEMENTS; SUPPORTED UK PROPOSAL; HOPED STATES WOULD ACCEPT BINDING JURISDICTION OF ICJ BUT CONSIDERING COURT UNDERUSED IT DID NOT SEEM NECESSARY TO ENLARGE COURT AS SUGGESTED BY ONE DELEGATION.

5. COMMITTEE THEN BEGAN LENGTHY CONFUSED PROCEDURAL DISCUSSION ON HOW LISTING OF PROPOSALS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. PRO REVISION FORCES AT FIRST PASSIONATELY INSISTED ON HAVING SECRETARIAT DO THE JOB THOUGH THEY NEVER SAID WHY. THEN VARIOUS DELS AMONG REVISIONIST GROUP SUCH AS ITALY, SIERRA LEONE, TUNISIA ARGUED AGAINST HAVING SECRETARIAT DO THE JOB. SECRETARIAT INDICATED THEY THOUGHT TASK RAISED TOO MANY POLITICAL ISSUES FOR THEM TO DO THE JOB. DISCUSSION, WHICH CONTINUED INTO PM MEETING OF COMMITTEE, CONCERNED WHETHER SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE LIST OF PROPOSALS ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, WHETHER SECRETARIAT SHOULD ONLY PREPARE AN INVENTORY OF THOSE PROPOSALS MADE BY NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WHETHER IT WAS COMMITTEE'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TASK TO PREPARE LIST AND NOT SECRETARIAT'S. FINALLY, AT US SUGGESTION, COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP BROKE INTO AN INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP TO BEGIN LISTING, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD BE ASKED TO HELP IN LISTING IF INFORMAL GROUP FOUND IT TO BE NECESSARY.

6. INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP MET AT 5 PM, THE WORKING PAPERS SUBMITTED THIS SESSION WILL BE THE STARTING POINT FOR THE LIST. THE INFORMAL GROUP WILL MEET AT 3 PM ON MARCH 15.

7. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE RATIONALIZATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES AT 10:30 AM MARCH 15. YOUNG

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